

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-14-02

Issued at Soldotna: June 14, 2002

Effective 12:01 a.m. June 15, 2002
Date:

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. July 14, 2002

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens to fishing the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sockeye salmon fishing at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2002. The sockeye salmon bag and possession limit is three (3) fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.022 (b)(14) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 56.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

5 ACC 56.022(b)(14)

The Russian River Sanctuary Area, including waters upstream from ADF&G regulatory markers located just downstream of the ferry crossing on the Kenai River to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing (including the waters around the upstream end of the island near the Russian River mouth) and the Russian River from its mouth upstream approximately 100 yards to ADF&G regulatory markers is open to fishing from 12:01 a.m. June 15, 2002, through 11:59 p.m. July 14, 2002.

Frank Rue
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mark S. Gamblin
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Department staff have projected that the Russian River early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal of 14,000-37,000 fish will be achieved. Over 14,000 sockeye are now above the fishery and will soon move past the weir. Therefore it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by permitting anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.